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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

National Intelligence Council

NIC 681-83  
25 January 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Office of East Asian Analysis  
Chief, East Asia Division, DDO

FROM:

[Redacted]

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Assistant National Intelligence Officer for Warning

SUBJECT:

Alert Memorandum

1. We are considering the need to issue an Alert Memorandum on the possibility of a military coup in Thailand. We will convene a meeting of Community Representatives in Room 7E62, CIA Headquarters, tomorrow, Wednesday, 26 January 1983, at 1000.

2. Request you send a representative.

3. Action officer is [Redacted], Assistant National Intelligence Officer for East Asia; Telephone:

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Assistant National Intelligence Officer  
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25 January 1983

Please convene a NOIWON conference to report the following.

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"We are considering the need to issue an Alert Memorandum on the possibility of a military coup in Thailand. Request DIA, NSA and State/INR send representatives to a meeting in Room 7E62, CIA Headquarters, tomorrow at 1000, 26 January 1983."

Action officer is  Assistant NIO for East Asia.

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His phone numbers are:

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**NFAC #4448-81**

**17 July 1981**

**MEMORANDUM FOR: See Distribution**

**FROM : Assistant National Intelligence Officer  
for Warning**

**SUBJECT : Alert Memorandum**

1. Recent developments in Lebanon and Israel have prompted an Alert Memorandum on a possible major Israeli military move into southern Lebanon.

2. The responsible officer is [Redacted Box] Assistant National Intelligence Officer for the Near East and South Asia [Redacted Box] [Redacted Box] An OSR draft will be available this afternoon. We will solicit telephonic coordination from CIA, DIA, NSA, INR, and the Military Services. We plan to publish today, 17 July.

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Please convene a NOIWON Conference to report the following: The conversation is SECRET.

"We are starting the process to produce an Alert Memorandum on possible Israeli military action in southern Lebanon. [ ] the Assistant National Intelligence Officer for the Near East and South Asia is the responsible officer. His black number [ ]

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The draft will be available via WASHFAX <sup>shortly</sup> ~~this afternoon~~. We will seek coordination from CIA, DIA, NSA, INR, and the Military Services by telephone no later than <sup>1530</sup> ~~1600~~ today."

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National Intelligence Officer  
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ALERT MEMORANDUM

MEMORANDUM FOR: National Security Council

SUBJECT : Lebanon

The escalation of fighting between the Israelis and the PLO may lead to a major Israeli ground incursion into Southern Lebanon to clean out the PLO rocket and artillery positions. Given the close proximity of the Syrian forces to the PLO occupied areas, this could also lead to Israeli-Syrian air and ground clashes. The real concern, however, is the adverse effects on US interests in the region which are detailed in the attached Alert Memorandum.

  
B. R. INMAN  
Admiral, U.S. Navy

Attachment

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ALERT MEMORANDUM\*Lebanon

*The escalating cycle of violence between Israelis and Palestinians in Lebanon poses significant problems for US regional and strategic interests. We believe there is a good chance that Israel will followup its recent heavy air strikes with a major ground incursion aimed at removing Palestinian rocket and artillery emplacements within range of the northern kibbutzim.* [ ]

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Such an operation, for which forces are already prepared and available, has the potential to:

- Involve direct fighting between the Israelis and Syrians on the ground and in the air
- Damage US-Arab relations throughout the region and provide new openings for Soviet blandishments
- Complicate the Camp David process and further restrict Sadat's maneuver space on the entire range of Arab-Israeli issues
- Seriously complicate our arms relationship with Tel Aviv
- End all hope for the Habib mission
- Spark a renewal of hostilities between rival Lebanese factions in Beirut and possibly Syrian attacks against the Maronite heartland
- Catch UNIFIL forces in a cross-fire. [ ]

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*\*The Alert Memorandum is an interagency publication issued by the Director of Central Intelligence on behalf of the Intelligence Community. Its purpose is to ensure that senior policymakers are aware of the serious implications for US interests of impending potential developments. It is not a prediction that these developments will occur. This memorandum has been coordinated at the working level by CIA, DIA, NSA, State/INR, and the military services.* [ ]

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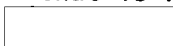
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The Israelis will likely accomplish whatever military objectives they set for themselves. An all-out offensive against the Palestinians could be of greater long term consequence to US policy than either their raid against Iraq's nuclear research facility or a single strike against the Syrian missiles around Zahleh. Prime Minister Begin and his Cabinet perceive no critical external or any internal constraints upon their actions. They believe the United States is sympathetic to Israeli security concerns in this regard. Begin probably hopes to confine any conflict to the south. We believe, however, that he is prepared to risk a general war with Syria if that is what is required to eliminate the PLO from southern Lebanon.



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